

January 29, 1889.

Prof. Serena Watson,
Cambridge, Mass.,

Dear Sir, - We are in receipt of your favor of 26th inst enclosing memorandum of Prof. Fairbank. The MS. of Miss. Paine and Prof. Campbell have also been received.

We are glad to receive so full statements of the state of work on the Manual. There is no reason why composition might not be commenced on the book as soon as you can see your way to have the work progress steadily to the finish. As to the time required to finish the work ready for the press we cannot speak with certainty. There are so many elements entering into the case that we never feel like promising. You and the University Press people can do more than any one else to decide the question.

For our part we desire to have the plates ready for the press as early in the year as is possible but we shall

not care to put out the revision before the end of the present school year. Beyond that, if it is not ready to be announced by August 1st we should not care to make any announcement before October or November.

You can judge what is possible to be done after consultation with Messrs John Wilson and you and we shall be glad to hear from you after you have seen them regarding the matter.

We think your suggestions regarding the plates are entirely practicable, and you may furnish copy for the descriptive notes accordingly -

Yours truly,

Iverson, Blakeman & Co.
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